

Bucs cop second place in tourney



With a strong finish, the Shelton State baseball team took second in the Alabama Community College Conference tournament on May 18.

Going into the ninth inning, it seemed as though there was no drama left in the ACCC State Championship game. The Wallace-Hanceville Lions had a 7-2 lead and only needed to get three out to claim the title.

But the Shelton State Buccaneers had other plans. The Buccaneers refused to go quietly, helped in part by Hanceville pitching. The Bucs scored three runs and had the tying runners on base when the game finally ended.

The Buccaneers took home the second-place trophy with a solid performance in the second half of the season and in the ACC tournament. Under Coach Bobby Sprowl, the Bucs finish the season at 34-30 overall, with a 17-14 record in the ACCC.



At semester end the whole Shelton... Company jumps



With concerts, commencements, and other ceremonies, the Shelton State campuses are kept hopping. Or in the words of the "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," the whole company jumps. Vocal trio Eryn Davis, Sarah Honnicutt, and Katie Lewis were featured singers at the music department's Silver Season Finale on April 26.

Secretary of Labor lauds Shelton programs



Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao ponders the Shelton industrial electronics program while (L-R) U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, Director of the Workforce Development Center Susan Miller, electronics instructor Brett Butler and electronics technology instructor Lee Tucker look on.

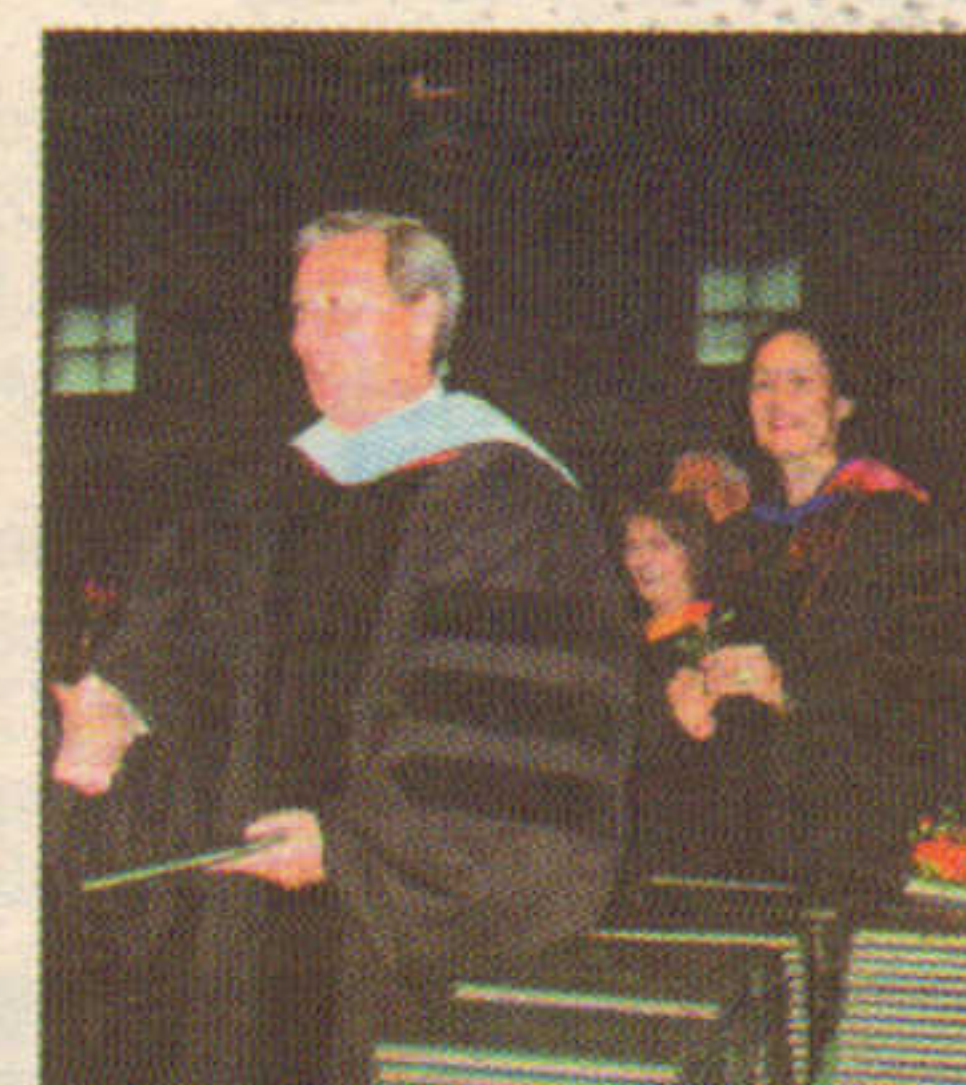
Elaine Chao says during campus visit there is nothing quite like the college's relationship with business, industry and workforce development

Official's comments indicate Shelton may have made leap forward in its quest to be a top national college

First of a special summer series

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Ceremonies tie-together a great year



President Rick Rogers and keynote speaker Cathy Randall hand out diplomas during spring commencement ceremonies on May 6.

Shelton State Community College held its 52nd spring commencement ceremony on Friday, May 6 at 1 p.m. in the Umphrey Center of the Martin Campus.

The keynote speaker for the commencement ceremony was Dr. Catherine J. Randall. Dr. Randall is the chairman of Randall Publishing Company and the former director of the Computer Based Honors Program and the University Honors Program at The University of Alabama.

President Dr. Rick Rogers, Dean of Instruction Ms. Camille Cochrane and Dean of Students Mr. Tommy Taylor conferred degrees and certificates to 210 graduates.

Shelton State Community College recognized the successes and achievements of their students during the

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Honors Day 2005 Convocation held on May 1 in the Atrium of the Martin Campus. Hundreds of family and friends joined Shelton State faculty and staff to honor over 300 students. Each honored student was presented with a medallion featuring the Shelton State seal.

The college awards, the most prestigious that the College bestows, included:

The Outstanding Technical Student Award is named for Mr. I. W. Mitchell who was president of Fredd State Technical College from 1976-1982. The recipient of the I. W. Mitchell Outstanding Technical Student Award is selected based on academic achievement, involvement in campus and community activities, technical recognition, and job related activities. The 2005 recipient of the I. W. Mitchell Award is Michael Gibson, Sr.

The Special Achievement Award is named after Mr. Norman C. Cephus who was president of Fredd State Technical College from 1982-1990. The recipient of the Norman C. Cephus Special Achievement Award is selected based on academic achievement, involvement in campus and community activities, technical recognition, and job related activities. The 2005 recipient of the Norman C. Cephus Special Achievement Award is Clytee Drake.

The Outstanding Freshman Award is named for Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey who was president of Shelton State Community College from 1988-2000. The recipient of the Thomas E. Umphrey Outstanding Freshman Award is selected based on outstanding academic achievement and involvement in campus activities. Finalists for this prestigious award were Jessica Murray,

Lisa Smith and Brittany Spiller. The recipient of the 2005 Thomas E. Umphrey Outstanding Freshman Award is Brittany Spiller.

The Outstanding Technical Student Award is named for Mr. Harold I. James who was president of Shelton State Technical College from 1951-1976. The recipient of the Harold I. James Outstanding Technical Student Award is selected based on accomplishments in the classroom and

workplace. The recipient of the 2005 Harold I. James Outstanding Technical Student Award is Vickie Pruitt.

The Allen Award is named after U. S. Senator James B. Allen who served in Congress



Byron Abston presented Vickie Pruitt the Harold I. James Outstanding Technical Student Award at Shelton's Honors Day.

from 1969-1978. The recipient of the James B. Allen Award is selected based on academic achievement and service to the College and community. The 2005 recipient of the James B. Allen Award is Jonatan Dillon.

The Outstanding Sophomore Student Award is named for Dr. Leo Sumner who was president of Shelton State Community College from 1976-1988. The recipient of the Leo Sumner Award is selected based on outstanding academic performance, school involvement, and community service. It is the highest honor that a student can earn at Shelton State Community College. The finalists for the college's most prestigious award were Brittany Cockrell, Sara Fair, Justin Pool and Lindsey Thomas. The 2005 recipient of the Leo Sumner



Leo Sumner presented Lindsey Thomas with the 2005 Leo Sumner Outstanding Student Award.

Outstanding Sophomore Award is Lindsey Thomas.

Lindsey Thomas and Jonatan Dillon were honored

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ShelTalk

Welcome Back

By AnTonio Nevels

Welcome back to school ladies and gentleman.

Welcome back to long lines in the cafeteria, welcome back to a large parking lot that never seems to have an available parking space, and welcome back to those long lines in the bookstore.

I personally don't mind waiting in line because you get to meet new acquaintances.

The torture comes from the fact that you're paying hundreds of dollars for books that you'll be rid of just three months later.

I enjoyed my time off, didn't you? It felt nice lounging around the house and watching television til three in the morning.

Every now and then I would get up and, what do you call it, clean up. I know what you're saying to yourself, "Who cares about what you did with your time off fattie?!"

Well allow me to get into the meat of this paper.

As many of you know Shelton State is a two year

institution.

Shelton State also offers a number of technical classes that other colleges do not.

A survey was conducted here recently that deals with such matters.

Approximately 56 students were polled, from incoming freshman to transient students.

The first question on the survey was, "Would you consider taking a 'technical' class at Shelton?"

Half of the students polled said they would, most believing that technical classes can only enhance your skills. Almost half of those students (48 percent to be exact) wouldn't take those classes and two percent was undecided. That came from a guy who threw the survey away, but I just chalked that up to poor attitude.

The next question on the survey was, "Would you ever consider taking 'technical' classes in support of a regular 'academic' degree?"

Of the people polled, 75



AnTonio Nevels is a sophomore at Shelton State.

percent said that they would take those extra classes, and 25 percent wouldn't. The two percent that was undecided came from the same individual of course. Some of the technical classes that Shelton offers are in electrical technology, diesel mechanics, cosmetology, and carpentry.

For more information on the technical classes that Shelton offers please contact the Counseling Center at 391-2232.

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By Dr. Jim Kenny
Publisher

The *Shelton State Courier* has made this one of its important editorial stances: more students and their parents should consider the option of a

"technical" program before closing their minds on what it means to have a college education.

This college paper has tried to make this point repeatedly in recent years—and a significant springtime visitor from Washington has rekindled interest in this point of view.

On Thursday, May 5, a

member of the U.S. cabinet, Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, visited the Martin campus, starting with the Work Force Development Center on the east end, through the high-tech robotics lab and industrial electronics shop on the bot-

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The *Shelton State Courier* is a campus newspaper, written and produced with the help of students.

Among other functions, it is intended as a vehicle for student expression, and all students are urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working

with the students in the production of this paper.

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

The *Courier* is an equal opportunity employer and student organization. All students are encouraged to participate.

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for their place on the All Alabama Academic Team.

Members of the Shelton State Ambassadors honored were: Bethany Arrington, Brooke Atchison, Haley Baker, Ashley Carr, Will Coleman, Anthony Daugherty, Blake Doherty, Cassidy Evans, Sara Fair, Mark Fleenor, Courtney Floyd, Kyle Franklin, Amy Green, Blake Harper, Rindy Harrell, Greg Ikner, Robert Ikner, Robin King, Caleb Lightsey, Ashley Melton, De'Angelo Metcalfe, Brooke Miller, Jessica Murray, Will Nance, Justin Poole, Roderick Rice, Chris Schmitz, Loran Kay Sewell, Brittany Spiller, Lindsey Thomas, Nikki VanLuvender, Andrea Walker and Erica Walthall.

Honored as Scholar Athletes were: Molly Minton - Softball, Adam Keenum - Baseball, Christie Ayers - Women's Basketball, Keith Williamson - Men's Basketball and Lindsey Tate - Soccer.

Honored by the student newspaper, the *Shelton State Courier*, were: Sara Watkins, Mass Communication Student of the Year and AnTonio Nevels, Shelton State Courier Writer of the Year.

Members of the Shelton State Association of Nursing Students identified for honors were: Kristi Hamner, President, SSANS Leadership Award; Brandi Doremus, Vice President, SSANS Fellowship Award; Emily Fulmer, Secretary; Katie Patton, Treasurer; Carson Sanders, Chaplain; Aretha Mahan, Historian, SSANS Fellowship Award and Andria Blake, Reporter.

The Shelton State chapter of Circle K, a collegiate service organization and a part of Kiwanis International, honored Brittany Cockrell, Angela Farr, Christopher Cochran, Sierra Fladstol, Johnatan Dillon and Leslie Davis.

The following students were recognized for their membership in Phi Theta Kappa the national honor society for two-year schools: Lindsey Thomas, President and Leadership Team Leader; Laurie Bowden, Vice President, Fellowship Team Leader; Brittany Cockrell, Vice President, Service Team Leader; Johnatan Dillon, Vice President, Scholarship Team Leader; James Marchant,

Communications Team Leader. Also recognized were members: Kristen Allison, Diane Beall, Columbus Butler, Ashley Crawford, Robert Crawford, Kha Dang, Patricia Decker, Brandy Doyle, Gloria Effinger, Sara Fair, Debra Fowler, Roxey Green, Joseph Harbin, James Harden, Cassius Harris, Barbara Hartsoe, Holly Hayes, Morgan Johnson, Joshua Junkin, Jennifer Kemp, Tomoko Kobayashi, Annalee Lackey, Billy Lollar, Frances Luncford, Jennifer Luncford, Dia McGaster, Lisa McGuire, Traci Morrison, Candice Parker, Chad Perkins, Jake Porter, Gary Reaves, Redell Roberts, Laura Roberts, Tashonna Russell, Carson Sanders, Elizabeth Sandvig, Joshua Sandvig, April Scroggins, Mark Sherer, Ian Shields, Alan Texada, Jamila Tilley, Kenny Tingle, Todd Watson, Elizabeth White, Jody White, Rebecca Wood, Chad Woods and Katharine York.

Division Awards were presented to the following students: Tabatha Hollis, Outstanding Practical Nursing Student; Qiana Childers, Outstanding Nursing Assistant Student; Shelia Johnson, Outstanding Nursing Assistant Student; Carson Sanders, Nightingale Award; Traci Morrison, Outstanding Associate Degree Nursing Student; Mystie Hawthorne, Outstanding Psychology Student; Amber Collier, Outstanding Microbiology Student; Heather Burt, Outstanding Business Administration Student; April Read, Outstanding U. S. History Student; Suzi Suhuckert, Outstanding Western Civilization Student; Joshua Sandvig, Outstanding Sophomore English Student; Heath Mitchell, Outstanding Freshman English Student; Kenneth Horst, Outstanding Management and Supervision Student; Johnatan Dillon, Outstanding Calculus Student; Marlana Law, Outstanding Calculus Student; Joshua Sandvig, Outstanding Calculus Student; Jessica Wells, Outstanding Finite Math Student; Tomoko Kobayashi, Outstanding Trigonometry Student; Ashley Gates, Outstanding Pre-calculus Student; Sheena Wheat, Outstanding Anatomy and Physiology Student; Savannah Howell, Outstanding Freshman Biology Student; Jake Porter, Outstanding

Chemistry Student; Mary Finch, Outstanding Physics Student; Michael Gibson, Academic Achievement in Respiratory Therapy;

Lindsey Stephens, Academic Achievement in Respiratory Therapy; Jennifer Shields, Academic Achievement in Respiratory Therapy; Barry Bonner, Outstanding Freshman Choral Student; Stacy Morrison, Outstanding Freshman Jazz Band Member; Brittany Norris, Outstanding Freshman Musician

Lauren Howell, Outstanding Sophomore Musician; Eryn Davis, Outstanding Freshman Vocal Student;

Taylor Hambright, Outstanding Brass Ensemble Member; Donna, Hembree, Outstanding Sophomore Jazz Band Member; Julia Ayers, Outstanding Sophomore Choral Student; Kathryn Lewis, Outstanding Sophomore Vocal Student; Chad Perkins, Outstanding Wellness Exercise Instructor Student

Judy Johnson, Outstanding Wellness Student; Hunter Bruner, Outstanding Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Student; Wesley

Graff, Outstanding Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Student; Robert Skelton, Outstanding Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Night Student; Daniel Skinner, Outstanding Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Night Student; Lavada Milton, Outstanding Commercial Food Service Student; Teresa Parham, Outstanding Nail Technology Student; Adrienne Gann, Outstanding Student in Cosmetology; Melanie Jackson, Outstanding Culinary Arts Student; Carlos Thomas, Outstanding Diesel Mechanics Student; Andrea Gould, Outstanding Advanced Electricity Student; Adam Roberts, Outstanding Freshman Electrical Technology Student; Dustin Mullenix, Outstanding Senior Electricity; Matthew Hopkins, Outstanding Heavy Equipment Operator Student; Dan Vanderpool, Outstanding Freshman Industrial Electronics Student; Trisha Spiegner, Outstanding Sophomore Industrial Electronics Student; Vickie Pruitt, Outstanding Legal Secretary Student; Nolette Grant, Outstanding Information Processing

Student; Tabitha Hayes, Outstanding Medical Records Student; Donna Strickland, Outstanding Medical Transcription Student and Jim Child, Outstanding Welding Student.

Foundation Scholarships presented during the ceremony were: Patti Wise, Abrasley-Shelton Endowed Scholarship; Melissa Ball, A. H. Bean Adult Education Scholarship; Marla Donour, A. H. Bean Adult Education Scholarship; Linda Duncan, Alexander Adult Learning Scholarship; Jennifer Grant, Wayne B. Boteler Memorial Scholarship; Christie Mitchell, Compass Bank Scholarship; Lewis Shipley, Eastman Resins, Inc. Scholarship; Tomoko Kobayashi, McAbee Scholarship; William Scrivner, Kareem McNeal Scholarship; Tomoko Kobayashi, NAWIC Scholarship; Lauren Horne, Sealy Realty Scholarship; Melissa Ball, The Mary Harper Simmons Scholarship; Clara June Ellis, Cleny Renfroe Nursing Scholarship and Ashley Henry, West

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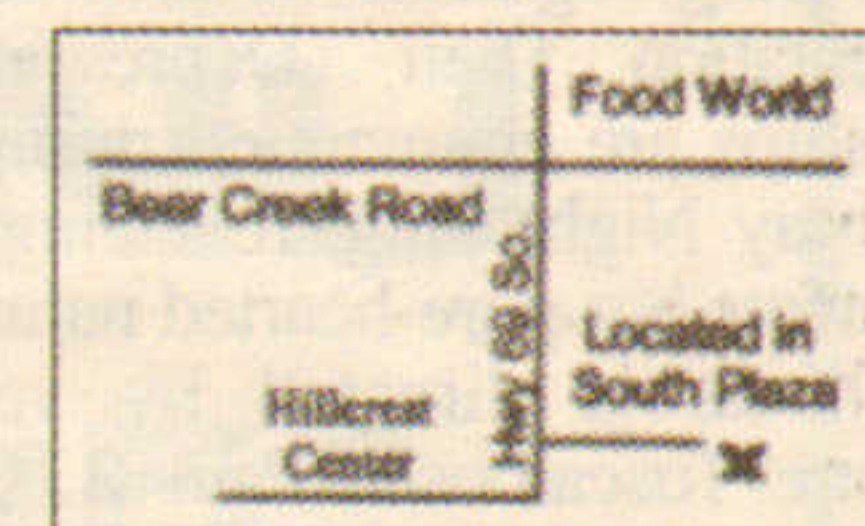
Shear Artistry



Ready to share their "shear artistry" are (Back L-R) Sondra Keeton, Adrienne Gann, Melonie Foley, (Front L-R) Brandi Ledbetter, Ashley Lowery, Mary Katherine Price.

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Theatre Tuscaloosa's *Smoke on the Mountain* promises to "revive" you, regardless of your religious convictions

Whether you grew up singing Southern gospel or not, you'll feel you have when you see *Smoke on the Mountain* at Theatre Tuscaloosa's Bean-Brown Theatre on campus.

Written by Connie Ray and conceived by Alan Bailey, writer of Ovation Award-winning *Radio Gals* and *Oil City Symphony*, *Smoke* is an intriguing musical that has enjoyed successful runs in New York, Chicago and San Francisco and has a popular slot in the entertainment lineup of Branson, Mo. The show continues its run at the Bean-Brown Theatre June 9-12.

It's Saturday night in 1930s Mt. Pleasant, N.C. and Rev. Oglethorpe (played with his usual professionalism by Ray Taylor) has invited the Sanders Family Singers to provide the congregation (and the audience) a rousing-but-safe good time. Twenty inspiring, gospel-based musical numbers help tell the story.

Smoke on the Mountain is an American, tongue-in-cheek musical comedy. The six musical members of the Sanderses are dealing with the conflicts of any typical American family—and they all come out during witnessing segments of their revival presentation. Their Depression-era hardships are enumerated during the Saturday Night Sing, revealing their imperfect-but-pure-hearted natures.

Smoke is directed by veteran Theatre Tuscaloosan Paul B. Crook with musical direction by Kenny Smitherman, who provided musical

direction for Theatre Tuscaloosa's hit *Always, Patsy Cline*. Stage manager for the production is Sara Margaret Coker.

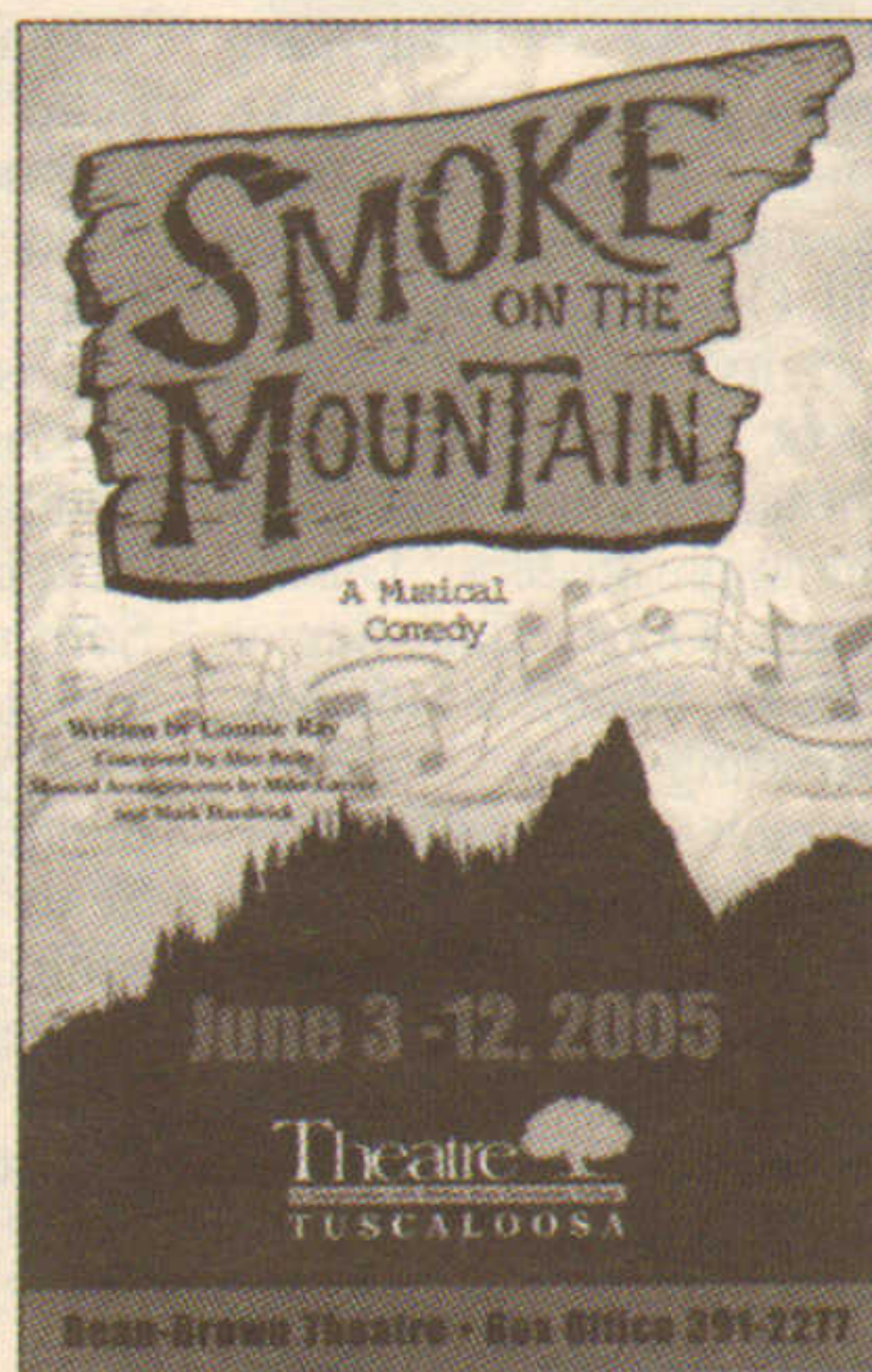
The Sanders Family, portrayed by a seasoned ensemble cast, is lead by Charles Prosser (father Burl Sanders), Cheryl Connelly (mother Vera Sanders), Laura White (Denise Sanders), Kevin Jackson (Dennis Sanders), Lisa Waldrop (June Sanders), and Jeff Wilson (Stanley Sanders).

Waldrop pert near steals the show with her outsized, hilarious "signing" of the gospel songs on stage-right. When the revival draws to a close, she allows that there's no deaf people in the audience, but she's participat-

ing whole-heartedly, which, it turns out, is the key for the Sanderses, the members of Mt. Pleasant Baptist and everyone willing to get into it all at the Bean.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on June 9, 10 and 11 with a 2 p.m. matinee on June 12. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$17 for seniors, students and children. Shelton State students may purchase a ticket for \$6 with their Student I.D. To purchase tickets, visit the Theatre Tuscaloosa Box Office in the lobby of the Bean-Brown Theatre or call 205-391-2277.

Additional information can be obtained online at www.theatretusc.com.



In the news...

The Department of Music at Shelton State hosted the District V Solo and Ensemble Competition for Instrumentalists at the Martin Campus on April 23. Approximately 200 students, teachers and parents attended the annual event sponsored by the Alabama Music Educators Association.

Staff and faculty from Shelton State Community College participated in the Walk America fundraiser for the March of Dimes for the first time this year.

The annual March of Dimes Walk was held on April 28 on the campus of the University of Alabama. Shelton State's team, named the Baby Bucs,

raised \$1,143.40 for the charity. The Tuscaloosa area goal was \$39,000 and the event raised \$53,000.

Former Shelton State Community College student Quentin Andrew Davis has recently published his third book, *Snuff Dipper's Ball*.

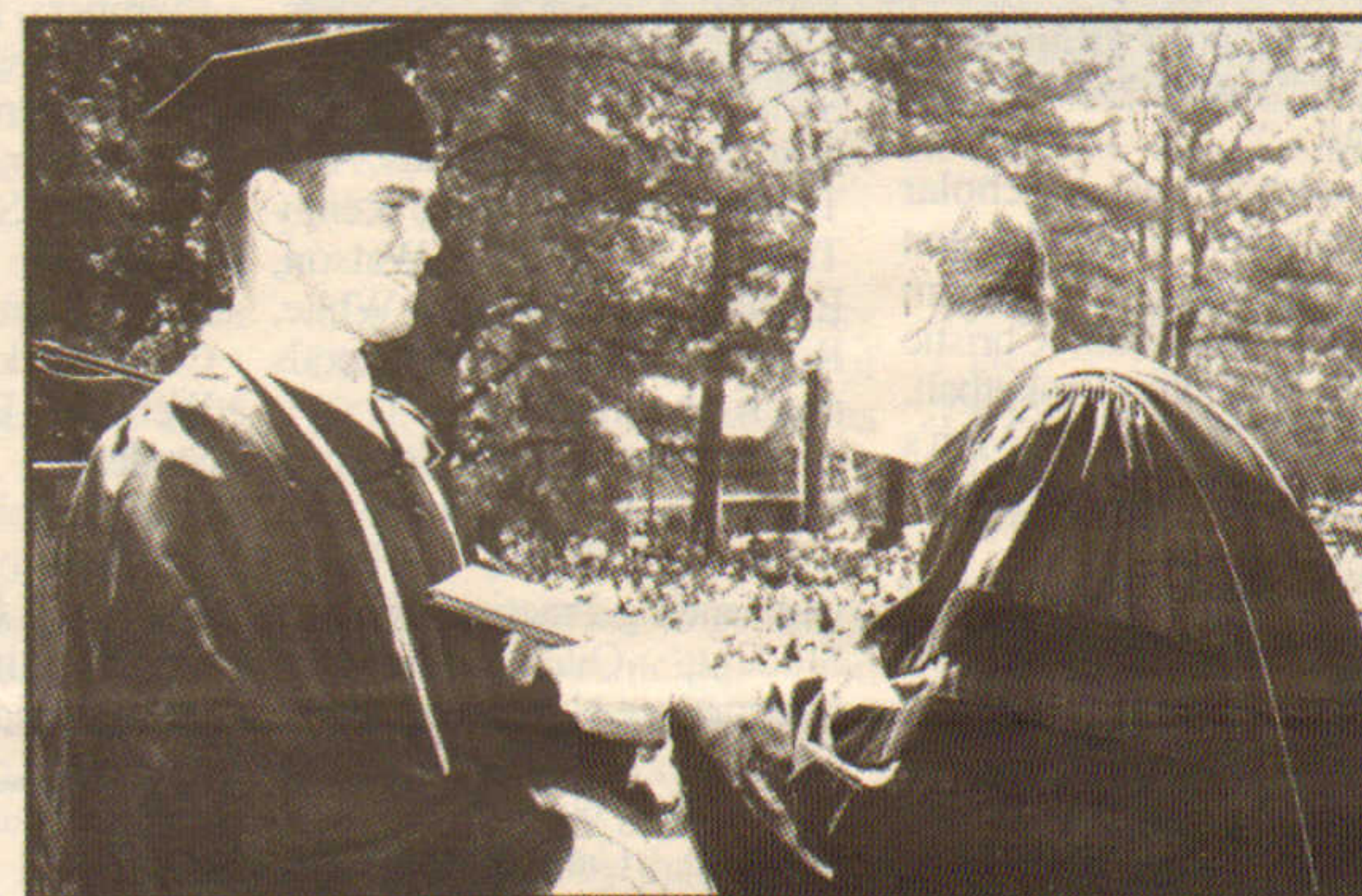
The book was named a 2004 Book of the Year Award finalist by XLibris. His second and third novels, also autobiographical, are graphic tales about his time in the navy titled, *Sailor's Waltz*, and *Dance of Darkness*, about his return home and his struggle to keep his faith. Davis has contributed a copy of his book to the Brooks-Cork Library on Shelton State's Martin Campus.



Commencement at Flowerhill, spring 2004

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Sandra Ray, chair of the Alabama School Board and Dr. Tim Alford of the state workforce development office look on as Secretary Chao inspects the memento produced for her by the high-tech CNC students at Shelton State.

tom floor in the Roland Pugh Center and ending with a luncheon meeting in the cafeteria prepared by the culinary arts and food services students.

Along the way Chao oohed and aahed about what she witnessed at the college, beginning with her first view of the campus off Hwy. 69. U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, who made the visit with her, reported her "wow" upon her first view of the edifice. But her positive assessment of Shelton didn't end there.

She said Shelton State is unique in her experience in the way it combines programs and the way it reaches out to business and industry.

"I have never seen a program like Shelton State's where you combine your work force development and technical programs under one roof," Secretary Chao said during a luncheon of community and industry leaders at the

college. "Community colleges do a great job meeting demand in the work force. They know best what a community needs."

A phrase heard frequently that memorable day uttered both by Secretary Chao and Sen. Sessions was "skills gap."

There is a need not only in Alabama but throughout the nation for particular high-tech skills; and though there

are plenty of people among the country's 300 million, not enough of them are trained in the areas in demand.

Shelton State, among other multi-program colleges, has the variety skills-training to meet the need, but yet the mindset of both student and their parents has not allowed the crucial match-ups to be made.

Exploring that gap between what Alabama and America need and what our young people want to pursue is what the Courier will pursue this summer. We start with a survey of the Shelton students themselves.

About half of the 56 randomly selected students surveyed said they would not consider pursuing a technical degree or certificate under any

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Labor Sect. Chao, U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, Brenda Truelove of the Tuscaloosa Area Career Center, and Gov. Bob Riley cut the ribbon on the new facility on Skyland Blvd.

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Alabama Health Council Scholarship.

The Shelton State Alumni Association presented Louise Pruett Memorial Scholarships to Beth Laughlin and Marla Donour. The Alumni Association also presented the Roland Pugh Alumnus of the Year Award to Tim Shuman.

Students receiving external scholarships included:

Jacksonville State University

Junior College Presidential Scholarship to Molly Minton

University of Montevallo

Community College President's Scholarship to Julia Ayers; a Kermit Matherson Presidential Scholarship to Katie Besant; a Lauren Howell Community College Dean's Scholarship to Katie Lewis;

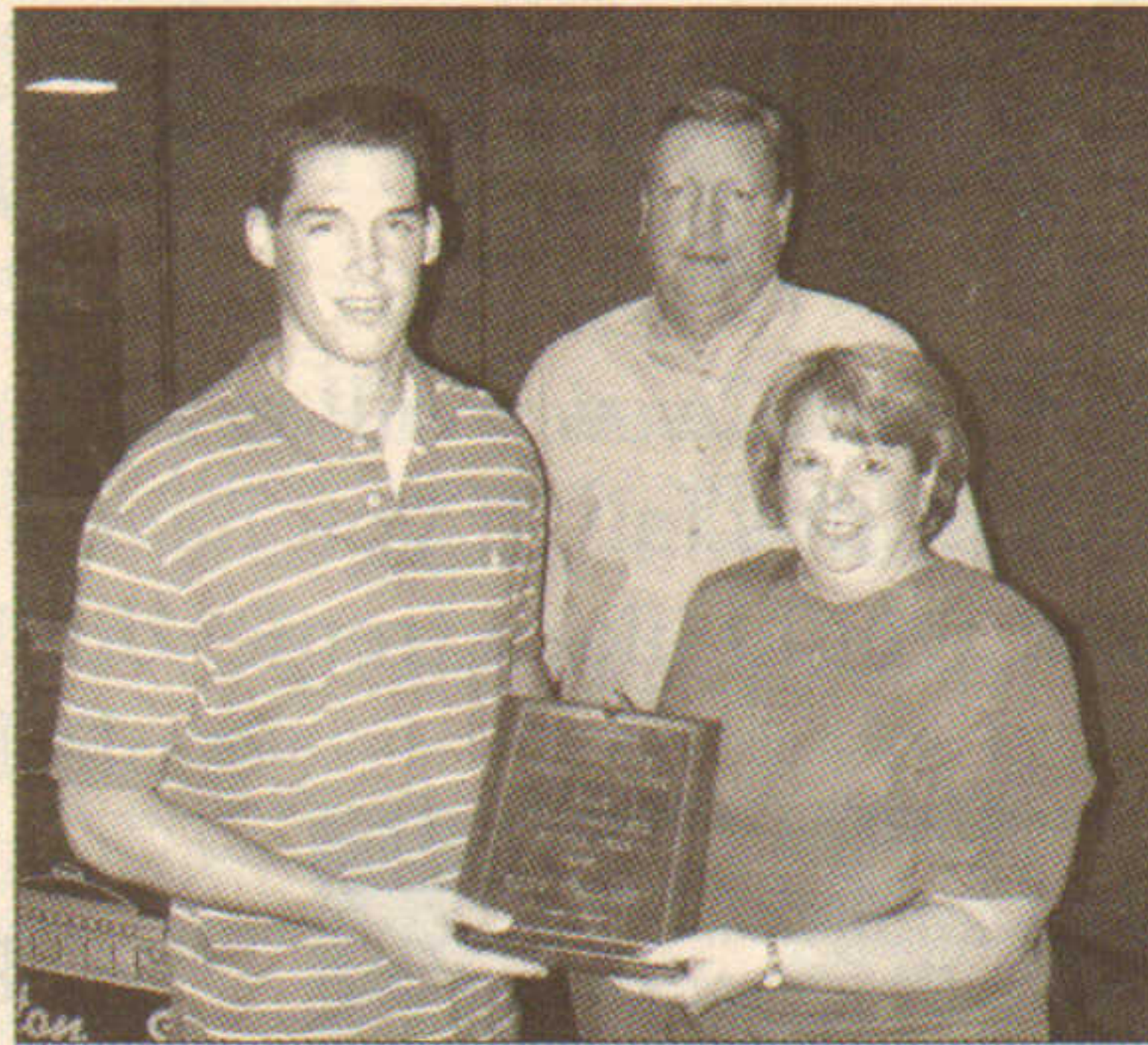
University of Alabama

Community College Dean's Scholarship to Lauren Howell; a Music Department Scholarship to Justin Poole; a Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship to Lindsey Thomas; a Transfer Scholarship to Keith Williamson;

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Alumni Scholarship to Leigh Gibson

University of North Alabama



Keith Williamson, a Shelton State basketball player, was awarded the Male Student Athlete of the Year Award by Barry and Susan Mohun at the Student Athlete Banquet on May 3. Other athletic awards included Female Athlete of the Year, soccer player Greta Perkins, and the Community Involvement winning team was women's softball.

M.D. and Phyllis J. Todd, R.N. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements in the classroom and community by Shelton State faculty. To be considered for this award, the individual must be a tenured, full-time teaching member of the college faculty. Individuals were nominated by faculty, staff, and administrators of the college and met certain criteria and deadlines to be considered for the award. The nominees were Susan

Education Program held its graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. in the Umphrey Center on the Martin Campus.

Founded in 2003, the Shelton State Adult Education Program combines the work of the Bibb, Greene, Hale and Sumter county school systems with Tuscaloosa City and

County School Systems as well as Bryce Hospital to provide educational services in preparation for the General Education Development (GED) exam.

Kay Van Luvender a 2005 graduate of the Adult Education Program served as the student speaker. Dr. Cordell Wynn, Assistant to the President of Shelton State, delivered the commencement address. Wynn serves as President Emeritus of Stillman College, Trustee Emeritus of

the University of Alabama System, a Paul Harris Fellow by the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club, and emeritus member of the President's Roundtable of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He was inducted

tors for Special Recognition Awards: Branch Heights Class: Tabitha Cotton ;C.A. Fredd P.M. Class: Charles Dewayne Myers; C.A. Fredd A.M. Class: Ramon A. Ryan; Crestmont Elementary Class:



Syble Coats was presented with the 2005 Dr. and Mrs. John Todd Award by Dr. Rick Rogers.

into the Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame—Class of 2002. His broad experience as a professional educator includes positions at each educational level ranging from classroom teacher to guidance counselor; principal and superintendent to college professor, dean, and president.

The following students were selected by their instruc-

Willie Wilson; Hero P.M. Class: Lisa Phillips; Taylorville Methodist A.M. Class: Jacqueline Gay; Taylorville Methodist P.M. Class: Douglas Tim Wall; Tuscaloosa County High Class: Richard Anthony Wells; University of West Alabama A.M. Class: Valerie G. Garner; and West Blocton Class: Henry Richardson.



President Rick Rogers (L) presented Tim Shuman (R) with the Roland Pugh Alumnus of the Year Award.

Transfer Scholarship to Elizabeth White

University of West Alabama

Music Department Scholarship to Tassius Harris; a Transfer Scholarship to Adam Keenum

University of Wyoming

Transfer Scholarship to Lindsey Tate.

The "Dr. and Mrs. John Todd Award for Exceptional Achievement in Teaching" is sponsored by John Todd, III,

Bamberg, Brett Butler, Betsy Blount, Syble Coats, Janice Filer, Carole Johnson and Pam Stewart. The recipient of the 2005 Dr. and Mrs. John Todd Award for Exceptional Achievement in Teaching is Syble Coats. The Todds also presented the Dr. and Mrs. John N. Todd, III Endowed Scholarship to Brittany Tilley a senior at Pickens County High School.

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Automotive scholarships announced

The Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association and the Alabama College System have established a new scholarship program for Alabama students who are interested in pursuing manufacturing careers.

Beginning this fall, 25 AAMA Manufacturing Scholarships will help deserving students prepare for automotive manufacturing careers.

Students pursuing a career/technical education certificate or associate degree in designated programs at Shelton State Community College, or any of The Alabama College System schools, will be eligible to apply. The scholarships will be available on an annual basis, representing a major, long-term investment in technical education and the development of skilled workers.

"Automotive manufacturing has long been an important part of Alabama's economy, but it has grown exponentially in Alabama during the past decade," Ralph Malone, AAMA President and CEO of Triana Industries said. "Because of the increasing importance of this industry to

our economy, AAMA feels that is critical to prepare educated and trained workers who will be important to the industry's future growth. At the same time, we want to encourage Alabama students to take advantage of the career opportunities available in the automotive industry."

"The Alabama College System exists to improve access to education and training that allows Alabamians to find good jobs that fuel the state's economy," said Alabama College System Chancellor Roy Johnson. "The automotive manufacturers in this state create tremendous opportunity. We are honored by the confidence they have in our programs and grateful for this investment in our students."

Preference will be given to those students who demonstrate an interest in automotive manufacturing or automotive manufacturing maintenance.

To qualify, a student must be an Alabama resident who has recently graduated from high school or received a GED and plans to enroll in an automotive manufacturing program at a two-year college

in Alabama as a full-time student. Eligible programs of study at Shelton State Community College include Computer Numerical Control, Industrial Electronics Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology and Machine Tool Technology.

The AAMA will award 25 scholarships valued at \$1,500 apiece, according to Executive Director Dr. Bernard Schroer.

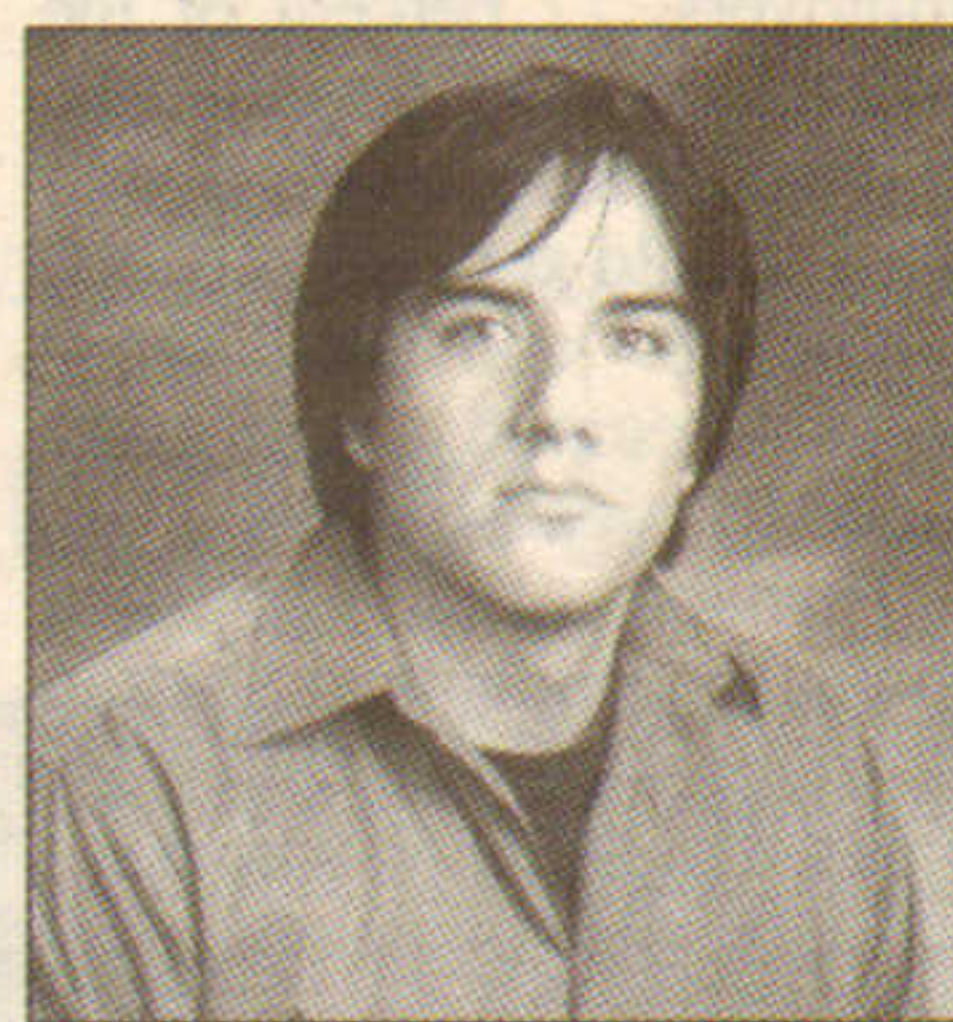
Applications are available at the Office of Financial Aid on Shelton State's Martin Campus, or through the Internet at www.aama.to or www.acs.cc.al.us. The deadline for application is June 30, 2005.

Applications can be completed on line at www.aama.to or mailed to AAMA, 500 Beacon Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35209.

The association will assess each application and select the top 25 candidates. Applicants will be notified of their selection no later than July 15, 2005.

AAMA was founded in 2001 to promote the growth and development of Alabama's automotive industry.

Top students compete nationally



Johnatan Dillon is one of Shelton State's representatives for the 2005 All-Alabama Academic Team.

The All-Alabama Academic Team representatives from Shelton State for 2005 are Lindsey Thomas and Johnatan Dillon.

In order to be selected for this honor students must excel academically, demonstrate intellectual rigor in their course of study, show academic growth and potential, and use their two year college education to better themselves, their schools and their communities.

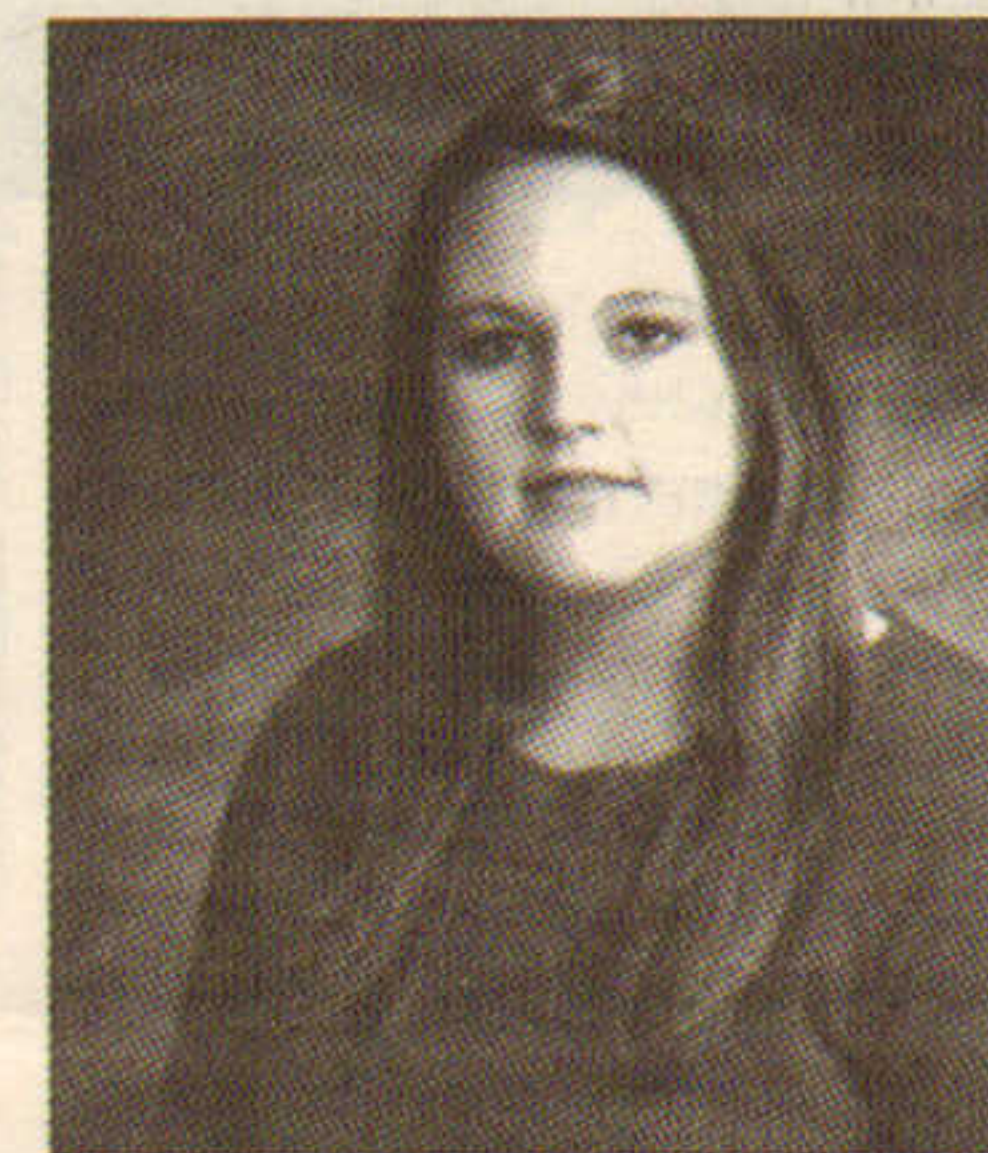
These two students had to compete for the All-USA Community & Junior College Academic Team nationally.

These students were recognized at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham on April 7.

The event was hosted by Alabama College System and Phi Theta Kappa. Guests were welcomed by Roy W. Johnson, Chancellor, Dr. Devin Stephenson, Chair All-Alabama Academic Team Board, Mrs. Sandra Ray, President Pro-Tem Board of Education District VII.

The invocation was given by Dr. Humphrey Lee, Interim Regional Director of PTK. Lt. Governor Lucy Baxley was the keynote speaker.

Each student was recognized individually and presented a medallion by the Chancellor. Each college president was on stage to greet their student.



Lindsey Thomas is one of Shelton State's representatives for the 2005 All-Alabama Academic Team.



Friends of Florence feast

In conjunction with nursing profession founder Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12, nursing students held a nurse week picnic May 5 for the first time on Shelton's campus. Approximately 200 students participated from each program including the nursing assistants, practical nursing and associate degree nursing as well as their families and college staff.

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circumstances.

The most specific reason cited was a simple one: "it doesn't interest me." Probably though, many of those 50 percent or so of students are the ones each semester who struggle with their study habits and their commitment to their educations, some of them becoming serial withdrawers from college.

When asked if they would consider taking technical

classes in conjunction with their regular academic fair in order to make themselves more attractive to potential employers, 77 percent of the respondents said they would. "If it would help me get a good job, I would do it," said one respondent—and those sentiments seemed uniformly shared by most students.

Perhaps the problem among the students at Shelton and other community college students in the U.S. who have a hard time persevering through to a four-year degree and a solid profession is that

they don't understand the connection that can be made between "technical" programs and exciting, well-paying jobs. Want to get rich by owning some restaurants?

You could work your way up slowly by becoming, if you're lucky, an assistant manager at one of the dozens of fast-food chains. But how about earning a culinary arts degree or a food service certificate first? What looks better on a resume: you're typical 1.1 years of aimless college education or your specific degree or certificate in a par-

ticular field?

Want to be a real-estate mogul a la Donald Trump? How about earning some credentials in electrical technology or drafting or carpentry?

Want to be a player in the fast-growing security field? Shelton offers a degree in paralegal studies and a certificate in criminal justice.

If you want to be a big shot—a "white collar" employee—in industry, why not first think about practical experience in industrial electronics or computer-assisted machine tool technology?

You might dream, for instance, about becoming a millionaire in the beauty and fashion world; however, the practical way of getting started would be a Shelton certificate in, say, wellness or cosmetology.

Yes, there is a skills gap in Alabama and America as Sect. Chao and Sen. Sessions said here recently.

But there doesn't have to be, if you really think about it.

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